

Spec. Code: 3099  
Occ. Area: 01  
Work Area: 442  
Prob. Period: 6 mo.  
Prom. Line: none  
Effective Date: 11/14/75

## **FAMILY PLANNING NURSE PRACTITIONER**

### Function of Job

Under general nursing supervision, and in collaboration with a gynecologist performs medical and nursing assessments related to family planning services and carries out selected phases of a treatment plan.

### Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities

1. elicit and record complete health and nursing histories
2. perform heart and lung screening, and breast and pelvic examinations
3. assess all body systems through observations
4. obtain Pap smears and other laboratory tests
5. assess social, environmental, and personal circumstances
6. recognize abnormal gynecological conditions and refer to supervising physician or other appropriate medical resources
7. under direction of a physician, or under standing orders from a physician, therapeutically treat common gynecological disease states with responsibility for identifying health care needs; recognizing changes in symptoms that may require changes in therapy; developing plans of care that specify health problems, approaches, and objectives; and implementing and evaluating plan with patient
8. train, supervise, and guide other members of health care team in the development, implementation, and evaluation of health care plan
9. counsel patients to evaluate effectiveness of family planning services and type of contraceptive they have chosen
10. under direction of a physician, or under standing orders from a physician, insert intra-uterine devices, fit diaphragms, and select oral contraceptives
11. collaborate with other professional nursing personnel and ancillary members of the nursing team in determining nursing care, treatment, and general management of patients
12. perform other related duties as assigned

Minimum Acceptable Qualifications

## CREDENTIALS TO BE VERIFIED BY PLACEMENT OFFICER

1. licensure in Illinois as a registered nurse
2. graduate of Associate degree program in nursing and two years of professional nursing experience

or

graduate of a diploma school of nursing and two years of professional nursing experience

or

baccalaureate degree in nursing and one year of professional nursing experience

## PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES NEEDED TO UNDERTAKE JOB

1. successful completion of an approved Family Planning Nurse Practitioner program geared to the extended role of the professional nurse

or

successful completion of an approved Masters program geared to a clinical specialty in Maternal and Child Health with appropriate courses in Family Planning

or

written certification by a medical practitioner of successful completion of an established clinical on-the-job training program geared to the extended role of the professional nurse in family planning